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Letter dated 20 March 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on South Africa, issued at Lisbon on 19 March 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 33 of the preliminary list.

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United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement on South Africa, issued at Lisbon on 19 March 1992 by the European Community

The Community and its member States welcome the outcome of the referendum held in South Africa, which will allow the determined pursuit of the democratization process initiated more than two years ago.

They consider that the outcome of the referendum and the responsible attitude of all sections of the population during the campaign and the ballot clearly demonstrate the commitment of the South African people to the transformation process under way in their country. They are confident that all South Africans will be involved in future consultations.

Recalling their statement of 26 February 1992, the Community and its member States reiterate the importance they attach to the work of the Convention for a Democratic South Africa, as a unique opportunity for the peaceful transformation of South Africa. In this context, they commend the courageous stance of President de Klerk and Mr. Nelson Mandela.

The Community and its member States will continue to support the creation of a democratic and non-racial South Africa and the well-being of all its people.